

Central Government. I personally wish to know if the Government wants to maintain this attitude in respect of a very important matter which concerns not only the Government but the entire House. I should personally suggest that a day or some time be set apart for a discussion so that the collective wisdom of this House may be reflected on the final proposals that might come up. I do not think anything derogatory in the Government at all. I feel it will certainly be necessary to take the opinion of this House and take counsel together so that important suggestions may be made. As a matter of fact, for these three years, on several occasions as it were, some amendments or other have been proposed. I want definitely to know if the Government, whether they consult us or not, intend to incorporate all such concrete and definite proposals made on the floor of this House in respect of these amendments.

To a question, the answer given to my friend Mr. Narayanaswamy is that it is receiving consideration. Consideration is such a general and vague term. I do not mean anything offensive. Consideration may mean anything or nothing. Therefore, I want to know definitely and categorically if the Government really mean seriously about this suggestion regarding the amendments to the Constitution or will they make some suggestion which appears to them as reasonable over the head of this Assembly and transmit the same to the Central Government. I want to know: is the Government in a position to make a definite statement on this question?

*Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—Sir, I do not think that the replies that were given with regard to this question would admit of any doubt about the procedure that Government would like to form. What was stated was: "At this stage it is treated as confidential". We have not categorically denied that at the proper stage this House will not be taken into confidence. We have not stated that. In order to make the point very clear, you may permit us to make a statement on the floor of the

House tomorrow after the Question hour regarding this. If in spite of it my friend wants some clarification, he may seek for the same afterwards.

Sri K. PATTABHIRAMAN.—Much obliged, Sir.

New Year's Greetings.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, before commencing the proceedings it is my duty to convey to you the thanks of all of us for the greetings you have sent us. May this new year bring more happiness to each and every one of us, and also relieve us from extra taxation.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I thank you and all the other members.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, the provisional programme is placed in our hands.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is an adjournment motion. We will discuss that first. Sri Rachiah.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *Re. RETRENCHMENT IN FOOD DEPARTMENT FROM 1-4-1954.*

Sri B. RACHIAH (Yelandur—Scheduled Castes).—Sir, I had sent in an adjournment motion. I am sorry I was not present on the 3rd. I seek permission of the Chair to move the same today.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Are you serious about it?

Sri B. RACHIAH.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The adjournment motion received by me reads as follows:—

"This Assembly do now stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence to wit, the situation arising out of hundreds of people thrown out of employment from the Food Department from 1-4-1954."

Sri Rachiah, have you anything to say?